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A.—The hon. Member does not state the precise Government Orders he has in mind. The various orders passed on the subject of unpassed men had not as any part of their object the effecting of "savings". The position was that the already existing rules governing the recruitment, pay and promotion of unpassed men had been to a considerable extent disregarded or misunderstood by the various departments and it was therefore necessary to restate and enforce them. It cannot therefore be correctly said that any "saving" was effected by these orders.

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—"It cannot be said that no saving has been effected at all all these years ? Was there really no saving effected all these years ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"That is asking the same question in another form ; and the same answer applies."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—"It is stated here that 'rules governing . . . unpassed men had been to a considerable extent disregarded or misunderstood . . . and it was therefore necessary to restate and enforce them.' Is it on account of the want of merit of the men or want of efficiency in the departments that the Government considered it necessary to restate and enforce the rules ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The answer is already on paper."

Extension of the privileges now conceded to depressed classes to those who had entered service as Indian Christians, etc.

*737 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that members of the depressed classes entered into educational institutions and Government services, stating that they were caste Hindus or Indian Christians to save despicability as untouchables ; and

(*b*) when such students or men in service declare their real caste and religion, whether Government propose to alter its records that they may get the concessions and privileges granted to the depressed classes at present ?

A.—(*a*) No such cases have been brought to notice.
(*b*) The case will be considered when it arises.

Revenue Establishments

Appointment of an additional Treasury Deputy Collector to the Chatrapur Treasury.

*738-A Q.—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) for how long the Berhampur division will be under a Deputy Collector, being a division usually held by a member of the Indian Civil Service ;

(*b*) the reasons for appointing an additional Treasury Deputy Collector to the Chatrapur Treasury ;

(*c*) whether Mr. Seshagiri Rao Pantulu has too much other revenue work to need assistance ;